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3) Since this application is in condition for allowed					
Disposition of Claims					
4) Claim(s) 21-30 is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdress 5) Claim(s) 22-29 is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 21 and 30 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/	awn from consideration.				
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1. Acknowledgement is made of applicant's preliminary amendments filed 10/22/03 and 5/24/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 21 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hafner.

Regarding claims 21 and 30, Hafner discloses a force transmission element for force or moment measuring devices comprising an upper plate 12 having an inner surface and an outer surface, said inner surface being positionable against a portion of a quantity of material 14, a lower plate 16 having an inner surface and an outer surface, said lower plate being spaced apart from said top plate such that said inner surface of said outer plate is opposite said outer surface of said inner plate and a load cell assembly 30 positioned between the outer bottom surface of the top plate 12 and the inner top surface of the bottom plate 16 for measuring different pressures of which are combined to derive the total force, wherein several load cells 30 may be distributed along the device at preferred equal distances to each other (See Col. 4, lines 3 - 11 and 19 - 30, Col. 7, lines 35 - 36 and Col. 10, lines 9 - 14).

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Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 22 - 29 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to these claims have been considered but are moot in

view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

disclosure.

Berme (6,354,155) discloses a multi-component force and moment measuring platform and

load transducer.

Bahia et al (6,694,823) disclose an apparatus for measuring a load applied to a quantity of

material.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Octavia Davis at

telephone number (571) 272 - 2176. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

Edward Lefkowitz, can be reached on (571) 272 - 2180. The fax phone number for the organization

where this application where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872 – 9306.

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